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Response and Amendment

This responds to the Office action mailed April 3, 2008.

1. Comments regarding amendments to the Drawings being on page 2 of this paper.
2. A current listing of the claims begins on page 4 of this paper.
3. Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

1. In the drawings. The Examiner has objected to several aspects of the drawings. Specifically, the Examiner has indicated that the drawings must show the following elements: (a) electrically conductive resilient member (claim 2); (b) at least one retaining member (claim 4); (c) a retainer (claim 11); and (d) post contact means, shelf contact means, and retaining means (claim 16). Applicant addresses each of the Examiner's objections below.

a. "Electrically conductive element" (claim 2). The reference number 20 has been added to Fig. 4, and a replacement sheet is filed herewith. The electrically conductive element specified in claim 2 is defined as the "main body further comprising an electrically conductive resilient member." Thus, the main body is defined as being electrically conductive. In Figs. 4 and 5, the clip is identified with reference number 20. The main body of clip 20 is identified with reference number 33. The specification states at page 8, third full paragraph, "Clip 20 is made of any sufficiently strong, electrically conductive, resilient, corrosion resistant, and flexible material such as spring steel, hardened stainless steel, or conductive plastic material." The electrically conductive resilient member called out in claim 2 is thus clearly shown in the drawings, including but not limited to Figs. 4 and 5.

b. "At least one retaining member" (claim 4). The retaining member called out in this claim is shown in, for example, Figs. 12-A and 12-B, with left and right retaining hooks 41-A and 41-B. These structures are described in the specification at page 11, in the first paragraph in the section subtitled "Description of a Second Illustrated Embodiment." Furthermore, the embodiments illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4 also include retaining members (e.g., hooks 24-A and 24-B in Fig. 4). No further correction is believed necessary.

c. "A retainer" (claim 11). See comments above in respect of the retaining member. The retainer recited in claim 11 is the same element as the retaining member recited in claim 4, which is shown in the drawings and described in the specification.

d. "Post contact means", "shelf contact means", and "retaining means" (claim 16). Claim 16 is amended to clarify that the main body comprises the three elements noted above. No changes to the drawings are believed necessary.

The drawings show the invention as claimed and the specification describes precisely what is shown in the drawings. There is no requirement that the claims recite verbatim what is described in the specification, or that language used in the claims is a verbatim recitation of what is found in the specification. For these reasons Applicant believes that no further corrections to the drawings are necessary.